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Plan is available for viewing and downloading at:  
<http://www.tippecanoe.in.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8983>

The *Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan* (MHMP) is a requirement of the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 which requires communities that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program to prepare a comprehensive document addressing hazards that threaten the community. The plan must be adopted by the Area Plan Commission and its member jurisdictions as an amendment to the *Comprehensive Plan for Tippecanoe County* in order to receive future mitigation money as well as grant opportunities to moderate damage. The plan also includes the Town of Shadeland and must be adopted by its town council. This plan is an update to the original plan that was approved in 2006 and was created through a cooperative process that included representatives from all jurisdictions as well as non-profits, educational facilities, and emergency responders; this group comprised the Planning Committee. Public input was also encouraged and received. The plan addresses natural and manmade hazards likely to adversely affect our community and provides goals and actions to help mitigate each hazard.

Regular meetings with the Planning Committee were held over several years with the last meeting taking place on August 15, 2015. To build background information, the committee began with a comprehensive look at the community, including population and development trends, transportation systems, environmental aspects and past hazard events. Staff and the committee then identified and mapped critical/essential facilities. The Planning Committee selected which hazards to study and reviewed the implementation actions from the prior MHMP.

The draft plan was made available for public comment on the APC website and following advertisement, presented for public input at the Area Plan Commission's Executive Committee meeting on August 5, 2015. The Plan was revised after the public meeting and submitted later that same month to The Polis Center (at IUPUI, the Polis Center is an applied research center within the IU School of Liberal Arts) for its final review and submission to FEMA and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) for completeness review and conceptual approval. Those initial approvals were received in January 2016. Local adoption is the last step on our side of the approval process equation. After adoption by all seven participating jurisdictions the plan will be filed with FEMA and IDHS for final approval. There is no time estimate for how long that final approval will take.

Adoption of this plan ensures that the communities involved are eligible to apply for grants under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Act.

The MHMP continues an on-going planning process to identify hazards, at-risk areas and facilities, and to use the information to make better decisions on a community level. This plan represents a proactive tool to reduce personal and property damage resulting from natural and manmade events and its implementation will reduce costs to local, state and federal governments. As a tool, it can be used for future planning efforts to assist community leaders, government departments and citizens to make informed decisions regarding land use, public and private infrastructure, transportation and emergency management. Additionally, the plan's existence ensures a wealth of readily available information to both local government and area citizens. Annual reviews will assess the implementation progress and the success of mitigation strategies. Five-year updates will keep the plan current, provide new opportunities for innovative thinking, allow for inclusion of additional mitigation projects and ensure that participating communities remain eligible for mitigation grants.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval

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**WHEREAS**, the *Comprehensive Plan* was adopted in 1981 and allows for the inclusion of multi-hazard mitigation plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County derives authority to approve amendments to the adopted *Comprehensive Plan* from *Indiana Code Section 36-7-4-511*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County did hold a public hearing following proper publication of meeting notices under *Indiana Code Section 36-7-4-507*, to inform and hear discussion on this amendment to the adopted *Comprehensive Plan*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County after due consideration, adopted this amendment known as the *Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan*, an amendment to the adopted *Comprehensive Plan*, finding it to be in accord with its own goals, thus recommending the amendment to Tippecanoe County, the City of Lafayette, the City of West Lafayette, and the Towns of Battle Ground, Clarks Hill, Dayton and Shadeland;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AREA PLAN COMMISSION OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY, THAT:**

The *Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan*, a part of the *Comprehensive Plan for Tippecanoe County*, is hereby adopted.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

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Gerry Keen, President

Attest:

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Sallie Dell Fahey, Secretary